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LETTER OF INTRODUCTION

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Dear Cousins:

Many of you, of the younger generation, have asked me how we are related. The answer is that we are all descendants, in part, of Jacob Friederich Kiess and his wife Regina Magdalena Emhardt, through their son Johann Friederich Kiess. They were a farming family who lived at Möhringen, a village near Stuttgart, Württemberg. The degree of relationship that exists among us you may trace through your line of descent as recorded in this booklet. You will note that I have not succeeded in tracing all the families that should be included in this record, so that not all of your relatives, in the Kiess branch of your ancestry, are introduced to you here. For the Spangler family there is a small amount of information; but none for the Steck family. For three of Johann F. Kiess's daughters I have not been able to obtain any information about their marriages and families. However, the names Harthneck, Greninger, and Puder, in addition to Steck, appear in some old correspondence of the family. They may furnish the clues to some other genealogist for picking up lost trails, through church and public records, and bringing the missing families into the picture.

The results that I have been able to compile and present to you would not have been possible without the hearty cooperation of several of our cousins. For the facts about the Fillius family we are indebted to Mrs. Ethel May Fillius Musselman, and to Mrs. Ella Fillius Holt. For details about the Spangler and Kiess families we owe our thanks to Mrs. Nettie Mann Singleton, to Mrs. Hilda Bieberich Ehlerding, and to Mrs. Ruth Kiess Winicker. Many of the rest of you have been generous in supplying the details about your immediate families. *Accrescamus et proveniamus!*

CARL C. KIESS,

2928 Brandywine St., N.W.,
Washington, D. C.,

October, 1958.

THE KIESS FAMILY

Our branch of the Kiess family was established in this country in 1831 when Johann Friederich Kiess settled, with his family, on a farm in Liverpool Township, Medina County, Ohio. In April of that year they had left their home in Würtemberg, and after travelling by way of Karlsruhe and Paris they embarked at Havre de Grace for America. After four weary months of travelling they arrived, in August, at Cleveland where they were welcomed by relatives who had come earlier. Johann F. Kiess was born on September 26th, 1786 at Möhringen, near Stuttgart. He was married on September 30th, 1810 to Dorothea Frank, who also was born at Möhringen on May 11th, 1785, the daughter of Michael Frank, vineyardist, and Dorothea Stolz. Their children were:

Dorothea Kiess, born February 5th, 1811;
Christina Kiess, born July 8th, 1813;
Regina Magdalena Kiess, born January 6th, 1815;
Anna Barbara Kiess, born August 15th, 1817.

Dorothea Frank Kiess died on February 14th, 1819 and Johann F. Kiess was married, for a second time, on August 22nd, 1819 to Margarethe Wolf, born at Möhringen on June 18th, 1781, the daughter of Johann Michael Wolf, a mason, and Catherina Steiger. The children of this marriage, born at Möhringen, were:

Catherina Magdalena Kiess, born July 22nd, 1820;
Johannes Kiess, born July 13th, 1825.

According to his passport, dated March 26th, 1831, at Stuttgart, when he was 45 years old, Johann Friederich Kiess was of slender stature, 5 feet and 9 inches tall. His eyes were blue, and at that time his hair was gray. His funds for travelling amounted to 1800 gulden. He died April 9th, 1857 near Valley City, Ohio, where he and his family were members of Zion Ev. Lutheran Church.



THE WILL OF JOHANN FRIEDERICH KIESS

In Gottes Namen Amen. Indem ich unterzeichneter Friederich Kiess wohnhaft in Liverpool, Medina County, State of Ohio, noch bei guter Gesundheit und Verstand bin, ich aber vor meinem Absterben noch über meinen Willen zu verfügen habe, so befehle ich meine unsterbliche Seele dem dreieinigen Gott Vater, Sohn, und h. Geist. Was mein hinderlassenes irdisches Vermögen betrifft in Fall ich vor meiner Ehefrau Margaretha sollte abscheiden ist es mein Wille dass sie das hinterlassene behalten solle bis nach ihrem Tode sei es in Geld, liegendem oder fahrendem Eigenthum, und dass kein Kind oder Jemand anders das Recht sie zu belästigen oder anzugreifen ausgenommen Schulden. Nach unserer beider

Todt soll unser hinterlassenes Vermögen vertheilt werden wie folgt: meinem Sohn Johannes übergeben ich und meine Frau, nach unserem Absterben, unser Land gelegen in Liverpool Township 35 Acker neben meinem Sohn und Jacob Rentz mit dem Beding dass er unserer Tochter Magdalena muss vier hundert Dollars bezahlen auf vierjährigem Termen mit 6 procent Interesse Geldt, und fahrendes Eigenthum sollen diese beide Geschwister Johannes und Magdalena gleich theilen. Dorothea verheirathet mit Michael Spängler hat hundert Dollars erhalten und hat nichts mehr zu fordern als fünf Dollars. Christine verheirathet mit Friederich Steck hat fünfzig Dollars erhalten und hat nichts mehr zu fordern als fünf Dollars. Barbara verheirathet an Philipp Phillius hat von unserem Sohn Johannes nach unserem Tode zu bezihen fünf Dollars.

Dass dieses Testament Recht Kraftig ist und ich es wohlbeständig und mit eigener Hand underzeichnet habe und mein Siegel beigesetzt bezeugt meine Unterschrift Friederich Kiess. Dass obgenanter Friederich Kiess noch bei gutem Verstandt und es sein vollständiger Wille war dieses Testament zu verferdigen geben wir hiemit unterzeighnete das Zeugniß als zeugen.

Johan F. K.

Johan L. Kesler	}	So geschen zu Liverpool, Medina County, Ohio A. D. März 3, 1856
Georg Haman		
Jacob Rentz		



THE FAMILY OF DOROTHEA KIESS SPANGLER

Dorothea Kiess, m. Michael Spängler in the early 1830's. They lived on their farm, on the Winchester Road, about a mile north of Poe, Allen County, Indiana. Not much is known about their children and their families, which became scattered after the marriage of their daughters. Their children, not named according to age, however, were: (1) Fred; (2) George; (3) Sylvester; (4) Harriet; (5) Barbara; (6) Sophia; and (7) Susan D. The family name was known locally as Spangler.

Fred and George Spangler had no families.

Sylvester Spangler had two daughters, one of them being the wife of Dr. Neptune, a dentist at Decatur, Indiana; the other the wife of a Mr. Rice (or perhaps Reuss).

Harriet Spangler, m. Longabacher, had two daughters:

Amanda Longabacher, m. Nat Kirsch, was the mother of Otto Kirsch, Harold Kirsch, and Della Kirsch.

Sarah Longabacher, m. Sellemeier, had two sons, one of them now living in California.

Barbara Spangler, m. Schafer, was the mother of Dorothy Schafer, m. Brittson, of Dallas, Texas.

Sophia Spangler, m. Mangold.

Susan D. Spangler, b. August 5, 1846, in Allen County, Indiana; d. June 13, 1923, at West Point, Nebraska; m. Fred Reppert. Their children are:

Clara Reppert, m. Drebert; Leo Reppert, and Earl Reppert.



THE FAMILY OF ANNA BARBARA KIESS

Anna Barbara Kiess was married in 1837 to Philip Fillius who was born April 6, 1806, in Bavaria, emigrated to the United States in 1833, settled in Cleveland, Ohio, and died near Hudson, Ohio, June 14, 1878. They lived on their farm near Hudson where she died on March 10, 1891. Their children, all born at the farm home, were:

- (1) Katherine Fillius, b. April 12, 1838; d. November 4, 1921, in Denver, Colorado; for her family see page 7.
- (2) Elizabeth Fillius, b. August 28, 1839; d. March 22, 1921, in Oxford, Indiana; m. to a Mr. Thomas. Their sons were: John Thomas, Charles Thomas, and Earl Thomas, who subsequently lived in Chicago.
- (3) John Fillius, b. December 20, 1840; d. September 11, 1911, in Colorado, where he was a mining engineer; m. in 1885 to Love Daniels; their daughters were Marian Fillius and Ruth Fillius.
- (4) Josephine Fillius, b. November 15, 1843; d. February 5, 1928, at Fort Lauderdale, Florida; m. to Alexander Nesbitt. Their daughter was Grace Nesbitt, b. in 1877; d. in 1916.
- (5) Philip Fillius, b. September 20, 1845; d. May 7, 1930, in Long Beach, California; for his family see page 8.
- (6) Jacob Fillius, b. December 20, 1847; d. October 6, 1940, in Denver, Colorado; for his family see page 9.
- (7) Ella Fillius, b. July 31, 1850; d. February 21, 1932, in Fort Lauderdale, Florida; m. in 18___ to Perry Sherman.
- (8) Charles Fillius, b. July 31, 1852; d. September 1, 1920, at Warren, Ohio; Hiram College, B.S. 1875; Judge of the Circuit Court, Ohio Seventh Circuit for the term beginning August 1910; Trustee of Hiram College, 1885-1918; m. in 1882 to Mary Tuttle; their son was:
George Tuttle Fillius, b. April 28, 1883, at Warren, Ohio; Warren H. S. 1900; Western Reserve University, A.B. 1904; Harvard University Law School, 1909; m. August 11, 1910 to Helen Henning of Cleveland, Ohio; d. August 1, 1933, at Warren, Ohio.
- (9) Ernest Fillius, b. May 20, 1856; d. September 12, 1921, in Hudson, Ohio; m. August 17, 1880 to Irene Carson; children:

Florence Irene Fillius, b. March 2, 1884; m. to George S. Patterson; their daughter is Irene Patterson, b. March 5, 1907.

Helen Carson Fillius, b. July 31, 1886; m. October 30, 1907, to Denzil W. Chamberlin.



THE FAMILY OF KATHERINE FILLIUS

Katherine Fillius, m. in 1861 to Joseph Corbett; children:

- (1) Harry Ledyard Corbett, b. September 5, 1864 near Kalamazoo, Michigan; d. November 24, 1943 at Phoenix, Arizona. He was educated as a Steam and Electrical Engineer; m. November 11, 1896 to Sarah Jane Rowe in Georgetown, Colorado; children:

Harry Ledyard Corbett, Jr., b. January 30, 1898 in Georgetown; m. November 21, 1921, in Denver, to Merian Madelyn Younce. Attended No. Denver School of Trades; is now an Accountant in Hobbs, New Mexico; children:

Harry L. Corbett, III, b. October 1, 1922, in Denver; Lt. U. S. Marine Corps; m. May 31, 1947 to Mary Helen Vinson; their sons are: Richard Fillius Corbett, b. October 10, 1950; Blake Vinson Corbett, b. October 9, 1954.

John Philip Corbett, b. March 26, 1935 in Phoenix, Arizona; Hobbs, New Mexico, H. S., after which he entered the U. S. Navy, serving in the Canal Zone.

Katherine Elizabeth Corbett, b. June 25, d. June 28, 1901 in Denver.

Joseph Harlow Corbett, b. August 26, 1903 in Idaho Springs, Colorado; m. September 10, 1932 to Mrs. Hazel Jahn Middleton. His stepson is Kenneth Middleton Corbett. He is in the Insurance Business in Los Altos, Calif.

Mary Margaret Fillius Corbett, b. August 5, 1905 in Georgetown, Colorado; Teachers College, Greeley, Colorado; now in medical work in Phoenix, Arizona.

Caroline Corbett, b. December 22, 1906 in Georgetown; m. March 16, 1936 to Robert Sabin Dewey, in Phoenix. They reside in Midland, Texas, where she is organist for a church. Their daughter is Caroline Andrea Dewey, b. July 28, 1944.

Catherine d'Elbridge Corbett, b. August 13, 1909 in Georgetown; schools: Phoenix Junior College; Pomona College, A.B. 1930; now a teacher in Kenilworth School, Phoenix.

- (2) Harlow Corbett, b. February 5, 1866, Perry Center, New York; d. in 1871, in Harrison County, Missouri.



THE FAMILY OF PHILIP FILLIUS

Philip Fillius, m. December 6, 1874, to Annette Eagles of Georgetown, Colorado; children:

- (1) Ethel May Fillius, b. December 12, 1875 in Georgetown; d. October, 1954, Long Beach, California; East Denver H. S. 1892; m. October 14, 1897 to Arthur Musselman of Georgetown; their son is:

Philip Fillius Musselman, b. October 13, 1907 in Pomona, California; Polytechnic H. S., Long Beach, 1926; University of Arizona, A.B. 1930 (with honors); m. October 16, 1932 to Esther Crutcher of Long Beach. Residence: 825 W. Olive, Corona, California.

- (2) Ralph Rolland Fillius, b. September 15, 1879 in Georgetown; Georgetown H. S. 1898; m. October 18, 1905 to Clarissa Lancaster of Denver; children:

Louise Annette Fillius, b. October 25, 1906 in Denver; Watsonville, California, H. S. 1925; m. May 5, 1928 to Irvin Dethlefsen. They reside at 513 Brewington, Watsonville. Their children are:

Edgar Raymond Dethlefsen, b. January 18, 1930, Watsonville; Watsonville H. S. 1948; University of California; m. July 19, 1952 to Florence Rodgers.

Philip Irvin Dethlefsen, b. July 29, 1938, Watsonville; Watsonville H. S. 1951; University of California.

Dorothy Fillius, b. August 31, 1911, Ventura, California; Pacific Grove H. S. 1929; m. July 3, 1937 to Edward Ashcraft; children:

Edward Ashcraft, Jr., b. May 12, 1944, San Francisco.
Susan Ashcraft, b. July 10, 1948, San Francisco.

- (3) Lee Linwood Fillius, b. November 30, 1880, Georgetown; d. January, 1944, Harrison, Arkansas; Georgetown H. S. 1898; Colorado School of Mines, B.S. 1902; m. October 8, 1907 to Estella Margaret Painter of Telluride, Colorado; children:

Annette Fillius, b. July 17, 1909, Telluride, Colorado; Picher, Oklahoma, H. S. 1926; Stephens College, Columbia, Missouri, 1928; University of Missouri, A.B. 1930; m. January 21, 1939 to John Belcher Fields, Jr., Brownsville, Texas. Residence, Canal Zone, Balboa; children:

Jo Anne Fields, b. June 3, 1942, Ancon, Canal Zone.
Janet Fields, b. February 9, 1946, Ancon, Canal Zone.

George Fillius.

- (4) Philip Fillius, Jr., b. February 8, 1888, Georgetown; Georgetown H. S. 1905; m. in 1910 to Alice Williams of Pomona, California; children:

Edwin Fillius, b. May 15, 1911, Ontario, California; in U. S. Navy during World War II.

Paul Fillius, b. March 10, 1913, Ontario, California; in U. S. Army during World War II; m. Dorothy Louise Walker of Pasadena; children:

Paul Fillius, Jr., b. October 3, 1942, Alhambra, California.
Sandra Fillius, b. January 16, 1944, Alhambra, California.



THE FAMILY OF JACOB FILLIUS

Jacob Fillius; biographical sketch in "Who's Who in Colorado, 1911-1912"; m. in 1880 to Emma Sabin of Windsor, Wisconsin; children:

(1) Ella Sabin Fillius, b. August 31, 1882, Georgetown, Colorado; Milwaukee Downer Seminary, 1899; Colorado College, A.B. 1903, Phi Beta Kappa; University of Southern California, A.M. 1935; m. March 10, 1906 to Benjamin M. Holt; children:

Richard Fillius Holt, b. April 12, 1907, Denver, Colorado; Caldwell, Idaho, H. S. 1925; Stanford University, A.B. 1929; Harvard University, School of Business, A.M. 1931; U. S. Air Force, Captain, 1943; Major, 1944; Lt. Colonel, 1945; m. July 17, 1937 to Evelyn Thomas of Boston, Massachusetts; children:

Susan Holt, b. November 4, 1938, San Francisco, California.
Richard Fillius Holt, Jr., b. May 24, 1940, Palo Alto, California.

Thomas Holt, b. January 9, 1944, Palo Alto, California.

Clarke Sabin Holt, b. June 6, 1949, San Marino, California.

Benjamin Merrill Holt, b. March 4, 1914, Caldwell, Idaho; Caldwell H. S. 1931; Stanford University, A.B. 1935; Massachusetts Institute of Technology, A.M. 1937; m. March 9, 1940 to Virginia Keim of Pasadena, California; children:

Rebecca Hubley Holt, b. November 15, 1943, Berkeley, California.

Sally Sabin Holt, b. March 14, 1946, Manhattan Beach, California.

Benjamin Merrill Holt, Jr., b. December 7, 1950, Manhattan Beach, California

(2) Richard Sabin Fillius, b. July 3, 1888, Georgetown, Colorado; East H. S. Denver, 1906; Princeton University, A.B. 1910; Harvard University, A.M. 1912; d. January 6, 1933, Denver, Colorado; m. in 1920 to Mary Wesson of Colorado Springs; daughter: Mary Elizabeth Fillius, b. 1921; Bronxville, New York, H. S. 1937; Smith College, 1941; m. Mr. Banson of New York, d. in 1950, without children.



THE FAMILY OF JOHANNES KIESS AND LOUISA BETZ KIESS

Johannes Kiess grew to manhood on the farm in Liverpool Township, Ohio. He was married on January 6, 1850 to Louisa Betz who, in the spring of 1849, had come to Ohio, from her home in Hagensberg, near Stuttgart, to visit relatives. She was born on December 13, 1829. According to her passport she was, at age 20, slight of stature, about five feet, five inches tall, with gray eyes and blond hair. For nineteen years they lived on their farm, near that of his parents, where ten of their children were born. They attended Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church near Valley City. The children born in Ohio were:

Louisa Catherina Kiess, b. July 17, 1851; d. December 30, 1932, near Decatur, Indiana.

Maria Anna Kiess, b. September 18, 1852; d. July 15, 1903, at Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Karolina Christina Kiess, b. June 28, 1854; d. March 26, 1914, at Alhambra, California.

Johannes Friederick Kiess, b. February 23, 1856; d. June 14, 1931, at Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Wilhelm Gottlieb Kiess, b. April 27, 1857; d. October 9, 1858.

Karl Friederick Kiess, b. February 15, 1860; d. June 16, 1943, at Fort Wayne, Indiana

Sophia Katherina Kiess, b. January 2, 1862; d. February 2, 1937 near Preble, Indiana.

Wilhelm Heinrich Kiess, b. May 26, 1864; d. July 6, 1867.

Friederick Gottlieb Kiess, b. January 6, 1866; d. January 20, 1866.

Frank Albert Kiess, b. November 19, 1867; d. December 5, 1942, at Toledo, Ohio.

In 1868 the Liverpool Township farm was sold and the family moved to a new farm of 80 acres located in Preble Township, Adams County, Indiana, about five miles west of Decatur. Here their youngest child, Joseph Alfred Kiess, was born on January 19, 1872. He died on March 20, 1948 at Decatur, Indiana.

Johannes Kiess died at the farm home on August 3, 1890. Louisa Betz Kiess died there on February 15, 1902. They are buried in the churchyard of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church at Friedheim, which they attended.



THE FAMILY OF LOUISA CATHERINA KIESS

Louisa Catherina Kiess, m. May 28, 1870 to Joseph E. Mann (b. December 13, 1845; d. August 2, 1914). They lived the rest of their lives and reared their family on their farm in Root Twp., Adams County,

Indiana, about 4 miles west of Decatur. For many years he was a member of the Board of Commissioners of Adams County. Their children are:

- (1) Izora Jane Mann, b. February 14, 1871; d. September 22, 1922 at Decatur; m. September 25, 1890 to William John Archbold. They resided in Decatur where he was Agent for the Adams Express Co., and also Treasurer of Decatur and of Adams County; children:

Lawrence Elmer Archbold, b. July 10, 1892; Decatur H. S. 1911; Purdue University, B.S. (Agr. Chem) 1915; m. April 7, 1917 to Alice Elliott of Lafayette, Indiana; for more than 30 years Agent of Adams County until his retirement December 31, 1954. They reside at 110 So. 11th St., Decatur; children:

Alice Jane Archbold, b. January 6, 1918; Decatur H. S. 1935; Indiana University, G.N. 1940; B.S. (Ed) 1943; U. S. Navy Nursing Corps, 1945-1946; m. April 6, 1946 to Theodore Leroy Olson of Turlock, California; (University of California A.B. 1940). They reside at 8780 Sunset Ave., Fair Oaks, California; children: Karen Alice Olson, b. February 5, 1948; John Archbold Olson, b. August 1, 1949; Christine Elizabeth Olson, b. January 9, 1952; David Alan Olson, b. January 21, 1954.

William Charles Archbold, b. July 19, 1922; Decatur H. S. 1940; U. S. Coast Guard 1942-1946; m. December 13, 1947 to Kathryn Harris. They reside at 708 So. 9th St., Coshocton, Ohio, where he is Manager of Farmers Equity; children: Thomas William Archbold, b. October 18, 1949; Carol Louise Archbold, b. December 30, 1952.

Marion Joseph Archbold, b. April 30, 1897; Decatur H. S. 1915; Purdue University, B.S. (Chem Engr) 1919; m. July 27, 1918 to Edna Helen Pershing of W. Lafayette, Indiana. For more than 30 years he has been Engineer for the Commonwealth Edison Co. and its subsidiary the Public Service Co. of Illinois; they reside at 79 No. Park Road, LaGrange, Illinois. Their daughter is:

Helen Josephine Archbold, b. May 14, 1922; Lyons Twp. H. S. 1940; University of Illinois, B.S. 1944; m. July 15, 1945 to Robert Lewis Hare of Hot Springs, Arkansas (University of Illinois, B.S. 1947; M.D. 1949; Fellow Mayo Clinic 1956). They reside at 1665 SW. Highland Pkwy., Portland, Oregon, where he is practicing medicine; children: Patricia Lynn Hare, b. April 2, 1946; Kathryn Ann Hare, b. March 18, 1947; Stephen Archbold Hare, b. December 29, 1951; Cynthia Lee Hare, b. February 21, 1957.

Earl Jeremiah Archbold, b. November 28, 1901; Decatur H. S. 1919; Purdue University, B.S. (Elec Engr) 1924; m. June 23,

1932 to Grayce Smith of Macon, Georgia. They reside at 686 Greenview Ave., Atlanta, Georgia, where he is Chief Electrical Engineer for the Georgia Power Co.; children:

Earl Jeremiah Archbold, Jr., b. June 22, 1935; Carl Thomas Archbold, b. September 7, 1938; Grayce Carla Archbold, b. January 16, 1942; Marion Lawrence Archbold, b. November 12, 1943.

Esther Lavina Archbold, b. March 23, 1905; Decatur H. S. 1923; m. July 30, 1927 to Russell Elliott Risley of Chicago. They reside at Pine Lake, Nashotah, Wisconsin; children:

Russell Elliott Risley, Jr., b. June 8, 1928; d. January 30, 1929.

Jeanine Archbold Risley, b. November 17, 1932; Oconomowoc H. S. 1951; Ripon College, 1951-1952; Katherine Gibbs School, Chicago, 1952; m. December 15, 1951 to Leonard Joseph Brooks, 3rd, of Goshen, Indiana; they reside at Pine Lake; children: Jeannine Lynette Brooks, b. November 17, 1952; Russell Joseph Brooks, b. March 26, 1954.

Jeri Kathryn Risley, b. August 27, 1934; University of Wisconsin; m. January 29, 1955 to Phillip Allan Reed, a Mechanical Engineer with the Chain Belt Co., Milwaukee. They reside in Mukwanago, Wisconsin.

Kathryn Louise Archbold, b. August 12, 1912; Decatur H. S. 1930; International Business College, Fort Wayne, 1932; m. May 30, 1937 to George Dittmar Helm of Decatur, where they own and operate a store; children: Nancy Lee Helm, b. November 9, 1941; Joyce Ann Helm, b. August 29, 1943; Jacqueline Helm, b. January 18, 1949; Kristine Sue Helm, b. January 28, 1956.

(2) John Edward Mann, b. September 10, 1872 has devoted all his life to farming until his retirement in October 1951; m. in 1921 to Leora Emma Spraker of Kokomo, Indiana. Their son is:

Maurice Bernard Mann, b. August 6, 1922; Kokomo H. S. 1940; Indiana University, B.S. (Ed) 1949; Ball State Teachers' College, M.A. (Ed) 1953; Corporal U. S. Army 1943-1945; he is a Teacher of Science and Industrial Arts, Kokomo H. S. Address: 539 W. Jefferson St., Kokomo, Indiana.

(3) Harlo William Mann, b. January 2, 1874; d. October 3, 1954; devoted all his life to farming and operated a farm in Root Twp., Adams County, Indiana, about 4 miles west of Decatur; m. in 1898 to Aurora A. Cook; children:

Florence Loretta Mann, b. July 27, 1899 at Decatur; Decatur H. S. 1918; m. December 12, 1923 to Elmer Grossman of Andrews, Indiana; they operate their farm near LaFontaine, Wabash County, Indiana; children:

Doyt Eugene Grossman, b. January 19, 1926; LaFontaine H. S. 1944; U. S. Army with service in Korea 1952; m. August 19, 1955 to Phyllis Davis, and is engaged in farming near LaFontaine; children: Gerald B. and Jerald A. Grossman, b. June 13, 1956; Doyt E. Grossman, Jr., b. June 23, 1957.

Donnabell Virgene Grossman, b. February 27, 1931, Liberty Twp., Wabash County, Indiana; LaFontaine H. S. 1948; North Manchester College, 1948-1949; Nurses' Training School, Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne, R.N. 1952; served in Marion General Hospital and the Davis Clinic; m. December 7, 1952 to James Moore; children: Ronald James Moore, b. October 28, 1953; Steven Alan Moore, b. November 19, 1955; Cynthia Lee Moore, b. May 31, 1957.

Mildred E. Mann, b. June 9, 1901; d. February 6, 1915.

Robert LeRoy Mann, b. March 11, 1903, Root Twp., Adams County, Indiana; Decatur H. S. 1923; Gen. Elec. Apprentice School, Fort Wayne, 1923-1925; went to California in 1928 where he is engaged in electrical work; m. June 13, 1934 to Hazel Rouse. They reside at 4113 N. Bartlett Ave., Rosemead, California; children: Robert Lee Mann, b. November 22, 1940; Allen James Mann, b. September 21, 1943.

Carl Leslie Mann, b. September 7, 1905, Root Twp., Adams County, Indiana; Decatur H. S. 1924; Gen. Elec. Apprentice School, Fort Wayne, 1928; at present employed by the G. E. Co.; m. April 11, 1936 to Dorcas Byerly. They live on a farm near Ossian, Wells County, Indiana; children: Joseph Byerly Mann, b. May 11, 1937; Patrick Carvel Mann, b. March 23, 1940; Dennis Carlisle Mann, b. April 12, 1944; Timothy Jesse Mann, b. March 17, 1947; Julia Elizabeth Mann and Rebecca Lynette Mann, b. October 29, 1949.

Clifford Steffen Mann, b. June 14, 1907, Root Twp., Adams County Indiana; Decatur H. S. 1927; he operates a farm on R. No. 2, near Decatur; m. July 4, 1941 to Helen Beery; children: Thomas Beery Mann, b. November 12, 1942; Gerry Dean Mann, b. November 17, 1944; Mary Ellen Mann, b. December 27, 1946; Trella Jane Mann, b. July 29, 1952.

Mary Louise Mann, b. June 6, 1911, Root Twp., Adams County, Indiana; Decatur H. S. 1929; m. in 1929 to Albert Egan. They operate a farm near Holland, Indiana; children:

Virgil Egan, b. March 27, 1930; d. November 4, 1937.

Anita Jean Egan, b. December 1, 1931, Evansville, Indiana; Holland, Indiana, H. S. 1949; m. March 2, 1952 to George Tevault. They reside at Petersburg, Indiana; children:

Carla Lynn Tevault, b. December 1, 1954; Sharon Faye Tevault, b. July 26, 1957.

Janice Louise Egan, b. January 29, 1936, Evansville, Indiana; Stendal, Indiana H. S. 1952; m. December 16, 1955 to Jack Cockman; daughter: Julia Ann Cockman, b. August 7, 1956. At present they live near Holland, Indiana.

Annabelle Grace Egan, b. February 28, 1939, Evansville, Indiana; Stendal, Indiana H. S. 1957; m. December 29, 1957 to Ralph Buck. They live in Evansville.

Marilyn Alice Egan and Michael Albert Egan, b. April 25, 1948 in Pike County, Indiana.

Allan Wayne Egan, b. August 9, 1950 in Pike County, Indiana.

Wilson Jennings Mann, b. January 16, 1913, Root Twp., Adams County, Indiana; Decatur H. S. 1930; m. June 1, 1940 to Anoli Walters. They reside in Monroe, Adams County, Indiana; children: Frederick Allen Mann, b. November 1941, Root Twp., Adams County; Mervin Leon Mann and Marven Lee Mann, b. July 27, 1945, Decatur; Bruce Wilson Mann, b. October 29, 1946, Monroe; Beth Elaine Mann, b. September 16, 1950, Monroe.

- (4) Lula Susana Mann, b. September 24, 1875; m. December 30, 1897 to Shelby L. Vance. They operated their farm in Blue Creek Twp., Adams County, Indiana, not far from Wilshire, Ohio. After his death, June 18, 1941, she continued with the farm with the help of her brother John E. Mann until her retirement in October, 1951. Their children are:

Walter Harold Vance, b. November 16, 1899, Adams County, Indiana; d. February 9, 1946, Fort Wayne; Wilshire, Ohio, H. S. 1918; Pleasant Mills, Indiana, H. S. 1919; Indiana University, A.B. 1923; M.D. cum laude, 1925; following internship he practiced medicine at Markle, Indiana, and at Fort Wayne; served as Captain in the Armed Forces, July 1942 to October 1943; m. December 24, 1926 to Dorothy Moore; children:

Mary Maxine Vance, b. July 16, 1930; d. August 4, 1930.

Donald Eugene Vance, b. November 19, 1932; North Side H. S. Fort Wayne, 1950; U. S. Army 1953 to 1955; m. July 20, 1952 to Carolyn Marie Noonan. They reside in Fort Wayne where he is employed by the News-Sentinel; children: Vickie Sue Vance, b. March 9, 1954; Diane Marie Vance, b. February 28, 1957.

Billy Joe Vance, b. November 12, 1933; North Side H. S. Fort Wayne, 1952; University of California, Los Angeles; Tri-State College, Angola, Indiana; m. June 15, 1956 to Nancy Lee Johnson of San Pedro, California.

Wildus Louise Vance, b. October 13, 1902, Adams County, Indiana; Wilshire, Ohio, H. S. 1919; Pleasant Mills, Indiana H. S. 1920; Ball State Teachers' College, Muncie, and Tri-State College, Angola, Indiana; taught school in Adams and Jay Counties, Indiana; m. April 24, 1925 to Adrian B. Lenhart. They reside at 7 Peninsula Drive, Traverse City, Michigan.

Verna Evelyn Vance, b. August 5, 1910, Adams County, Indiana; Wilshire, Ohio, H. S. 1928; Nurses' Training School Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne, R. N. 1932; m. September 2, 1933 to Alton L. Bloom, Judge of the Fort Wayne Municipal Court. Residence, 3803 S. Anthony Blvd., Fort Wayne; children:

Marlene Susan Bloom, m. January 20, 1936; South Side H. S., Fort Wayne; Indiana University; m. October 20, 1956 to LeRoy Rutz.

Alton Dale Bloom, b. February 27, 1946; at present he is attending school.

- (5) Ethel Sedillo Mann, b. January 15, 1878; for several years she was a teacher in the public schools of Adams County; m. October 26, 1899 to Dr. John C. Grandstaff who, for many years, was Coroner of Adams County; their home was in Preble; children:

Francis Marion Grandstaff, b. December 18, 1901; two years in Kirkland H. S.; 9th Field Artillery, U. S. Army; then two years in Decatur H. S., 1919; m. September 10, 1922 to Isabelle Blackburn; their son is:

John Francis Grandstaff, b. June 29, 1924; Cooley H. S., Detroit, 1943; U. S. Air Force 1943 to 1946; University of Michigan, B. S. 1949; M. S. 1951; m. August 10, 1946 to Jeanne Rolf. They reside in Battle Creek, Mich., where he is a H. S. teacher; their son is, Rolf Michael Grandstaff, b. October 8, 1951.

Floyd Leland Grandstaff, b. August 30, 1905; d. May 10, 1946; Kirkland H. S. 1922; Indiana University, A. B. 1926; M. D. 1928; Medical Corps U. S. Army during the war; practitioner of medicine in Decatur; m. February 12, 1928 to Anaple Cummings; children: Mary Ethel Grandstaff, b. August 28, 1935; Nola Ann Grandstaff, b. February 5, 1937.

Gerald Joseph Grandstaff, b. July 12, 1908; Kirkland H. S. Culver Military Academy; Decatur H. S. 1925; Tri-State College, Angola; m. February 19, 1926 to Phyllis Cora Kosht. They reside on a farm near Decatur; children:

Donna Ethel Grandstaff, b. September 27, 1927; Monmouth, Indiana, H. S. 1944; m. in 1946 to Frederick William Fuelling; children: Frederick David Fuelling, b. February 10, 1947; Kristine Kay Fuelling, b. February 16, 1948; John

Michael Fuelling, b. September 25, 1949; Jill Irene Fuelling, b. July 11, 1951.

Gerald Joseph Grandstaff, Jr., b. August 24, 1935; Monmouth H. S. 1953;

Audrey Ann Grandstaff, b. May 5, 1937;

Janet Marguerite Grandstaff, b. January 20, 1939.

- (6) Nettie Sophia Mann, b. May 8, 1880; after finishing school she taught school for a while, in Adams County, Indiana; m. October 8, 1903 to Jesse Singleton and with him devoted their lives to farming. They reside on the old home farm in Root Twp.; children:

Joseph Franklin Singleton, b. February 28, 1906; Decatur H. S. 1924; m. February 27, 1926 to Helen Leona Rayer; they operate their farm in Root Twp., Adams County, where he is also Road Supervisor; children:

Roger Lester Singleton, b. August 7, 1927; Monmouth H. S. 1946; one year with U. S. Armed Forces in Korea; m. December 15, 1947 to Betty Jane Miller; children: Sandra Joan Singleton, b. September 30, 1948; Susan Jeanette Singleton, b. February 14, 1950; Saran Joy Singleton, b. December 29, 1951.

Kenneth Paul Singleton, b. June 19, 1931; Monmouth H. S. 1950; one year with U. S. Armed Forces in Korea as Staff Sergeant; m. October 24, 1954 to Carol Klusman; children: Douglas Singleton, b. December 12, 1955; Dennis Singleton, b. August 17, 1957.

Kathryn Noreen Singleton, b. April 21, 1937; Monmouth H. S. 1955; m. June 5, 1955 to Edward Ritter; daughter: Teresa Ritter, b. January 12, 1957.

Kenneth Norval Singleton, b. May 24, 1909; Decatur H. S. 1925; Dodge School of Telegraphy and Radio, 1927; served in U. S. Navy, Radio Station, Oahu, 1943-1944; m. November 19, 1938 to Elizabeth May Ferro; son: Timothy Joseph Singleton, b. November 7, 1946.

Everett Clark Singleton, b. March 2, 1916; Monmouth H. S. 1934; m. March 27, 1937 to Helen Marie Hoover. They operate the old home farm in Root Twp.; children: James Everett Singleton, b. August 19, 1940; Monmouth H. S. 1958; David Michael Singleton, b. May 21, 1944; Dean Randall Singleton, b. May 2, 1950.

- (7) Robert Joseph Mann, b. March 1, 1884; d. July 30, 1948 at Paulding, Ohio; Marion Normal College, B. S. 1908; Indiana University, A. B. 1912; teacher and principal in high schools in Adams County, Indiana, and in Paulding County, Ohio, with farming as an additional occupation; m. August 14, 1914 to Helen Evans; children:

Wendell Evans Mann, b. February 5, 1916, Adams County, Indiana; Kirkland H. S. 1933; Purdue University, B. S. (Chem. Engr.) 1948; Medical Corps U. S. Army 1940 to 1945; at present Plant Manager, Central Soya Co., Chattanooga, Tennessee; m. December 27, 1947 to Patricia Moser Greene; residence, 1109 James Blvd., Signal Mountain, Tenn.; children: Lynn Jennings Greene Mann (adopted), b. March 26, 1945; Barbara Mann, b. September 14, 1948; David Brian Mann, b. September 5, 1953; Jeffrey Alan Mann, b. October 29, 1955.

Theodore Bryan Mann, b. November 25, 1917, Adams County, Indiana; Kirkland H. S. 1934; Indiana University, 1941; U. S. Army in Europe, 1941 to 1945; m. June 29, 1947 to Dorothy Feasel. Residence, 708 Biscayne Drive, West Palm Beach, Florida, where he is Staff Manager, Prudential Life Insurance Co.; children: John Robert Mann, b. November 20, 1948; Ted J. Mann, b. January 25, 1952.

Lois Irene Mann, b. May 24, 1919, Adams County, Indiana; Kirkland H. S. 1936; University of California at Los Angeles, B. S. (Chem) 1943; m. March 29, 1944 to Paul R. Pressler, C. P. A. Residence, 1715 Prairie St., Elkhart, Ind.; children: Charles Alan Pressler, b. November 8, 1946; Terry Ann Pressler, b. May 25, 1950; Carolyn Jo Pressler, b. November 25, 1952.

Robert Leslie Mann, b. October 2, 1922, Adams County, Indiana; Decatur H. S. 1939; Indiana University, A. B. 1945; University of Minnesota, Ph.D. 1949; U. S. Army, 1943. He is Research Associate in Chemistry with Eli Little & Co., Indianapolis; m. May 5, 1945 to Marjorie Miller; daughter: Leslie Dee Mann, b. August 18, 1954.

Ray Alan Mann, b. February 2, 1929, Adams County, Indiana; Antwerp, Ohio, H. S. 1945; Los Angeles City College, 1947-1948; Los Angeles Merchandising Institute, 1948-1949; Sergeant U. S. Army Supply Corps, Alaska, 1950-1952; at present he is a furniture buyer for Bullock's. Residence, 818 S. Mariposa Ave., Los Angeles, 5.

- (8) Frank Charles Mann, b. September 11, 1887, Root Twp., Adams County, Indiana; Decatur H. S. 1904-1906; Marion Normal College, B.S. 1907; Indiana University, A.B. 1911; M.D. 1913; M.A. 1914; LL.D. (Hon.) 1938; Georgetown University, D.Sc. (Hon.) 1937; continuously for 38 years on the staff of the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn., first as Head of the Division of Experimental Surgery and Pathology, 1914-1923; then Director of the Institute of Experimental Medicine, 1924-1948; Member of the Board of Governors, 1933-1948; Professor of Experimental Medicine, Mayo Foundation, Univ. of Minn., 1927-1952; Member of National Academy of Science; listed in American Men of Science and in Who's Who; Emeritus Staff, Mayo Clinic since 1952; m. July 21, 1914 to Velma J. Daniels. Residence, 605 11th St., S. W., Rochester; children:

Frank D. Mann, b. September 20, 1918, Rochester, Minnesota; Rochester H. S. 1933; University of Minnesota, B.A. 1937; M.S. 1938; Ph.D. and M.D. 1942; Captain, Medical Corps, U.S. Army, 1943-1946; Consultant in Clinical Pathology, Mayo Clinic, 1947-1955; Pathologist, Palo Alto Hospital, Palo Alto, Calif., 1955-1958; Clinical Pathologist, St. Joseph's Hospital, Phoenix, Arizona, 1958; m. April 14, 1956 to Dr. Helen Roberts. They reside at 1607 W. Highland Ave., Phoenix, Ariz.

Ruth J. Mann, b. November 2, 1920, Rochester, Minnesota; Rochester H. S. 1935; University of Minnesota, B.A. 1939; B.S. 1940; Librarian, Brown University, 1941-1943; U. S. Army Medical Library, Washington, 1944-1945; Mayo Clinic, since 1945; residence, 605 11th St., Rochester.

Joseph D. Mann, b. March 22, 1925, Rochester, Minnesota; Rochester H. S. 1941; University of Minnesota, B.S. 1945; M.D. 1948; M.S. 1955; Captain, Medical Corps, Walter Reed Hospital, U. S. Army, 1949-1951; Fellow in Pathology, The Mayo Foundation, 1951-1955; since 1955 Pathologist, Butterworth Hospital, Grand Rapids, Michigan; m. February 19, 1949 to Joyce L. McAdam. Residence, 2435 Beechwood Drive, S. E., Grand Rapids, Mich.; children:

David Charles Mann, b. March 30, 1950, Washington, D. C.;
Robert Joseph Mann, b. May 21, 1952, Rochester, Minn.;
Laurene Carol Mann, b. December 31, 1955, Grand Rapids, Mich.

- (9) Verna Beatrice Mann, b. April 17, 1893, Root Twp., Adams County, Indiana; m. March 3, 1921 to George H. Sprague, of Decatur, where they own and operate a furniture business.



THE FAMILY OF MARIA ANNA KIESS

Maria Anna Kiess, m. May 18, 1876 to Charles E. Doehrmann. From 1881 they resided in Fort Wayne for the rest of their lives where he was employed by the Penna. R. R. Co.; children:

- (1) John C. Doehrmann, b. April 16, 1877 near Friedheim, Adams County, Ind.; d. August 11, 1948 at Alhambra, Calif. He was married, first, to Christina Hannefeld who died August 4, 1927. Their son was Walter Doehrmann, b. August 23, 1904; d. October 14, 1924. John C. Doehrmann was married, a second time, to Selma Rapp. They had no children.
- (2) Charles Henry Doehrmann, b. June 25, 1879 near Friedheim; d. March 21, 1943 at Fort Wayne; m. August 18, 1898 to Lessette Rush Volz; children:

Arthur Charles Doehrmann, b. January 2, 1900 at Fort Wayne; m. September 12, 1924 to Helen Marie Ott who died May 22, 1945; children:

Sharon Lee Doehrmann, b. June 14, 1925 at Fort Wayne; m. September 26, 1953 to John Main, Jr.; children: Judy Ann Main, b. May 5, 1955; John Michael Main, b. May 19, 1956; Jill Marie Main, May 30, 1957; all born at Fort Wayne.

Dorothy Marie Doehrmann, b. July 5, 1926 at Fort Wayne; m. January 12, 1946 to William Klinger; children: Pamela Jo Klinger, b. April 5, 1947 at Fort Wayne; Lynda Lee Klinger, b. July 23, 1952 at Tomah, Wisc.; Lynn Marie Klinger, b. July 23, 1952 at Tomah, Wisc.

Arthur Charles Doehrmann, m., a second time, to Betty Joan France on February 14, 1947; their daughter is Deborah Dee Doehrmann, b. May 26, 1949 at Fort Wayne.

Elnor Caroline Doehrmann, b. April 18, 1904 at Fort Wayne; m. June 23, 1927 to Frank Carlisle Harter.

Edward John Doehrmann, b. September 4, 1907 at Fort Wayne; m. September 19, 1928 to Rosella Jean Pranger; their son is Charles Edward Doehrmann, b. May 24, 1943 at Fort Wayne.

Esther Doehrmann, b. March 28, 1909 at Fort Wayne; m. November 17, 1934 to Richard Warren Racine.

Melvin Henry Doehrmann, b. December 3, 1912 at Fort Wayne; m. July 21, 1945 to Leona Baatz; children: all born at Fort Wayne: Carol Sue Doehrmann, b. November 22, 1946; Connie Kay Doehrmann, b. April 28, 1951; John Melvin Doehrmann, b. January 10, 1955.

Paul John Doehrmann, b. June 10, 1917 at Fort Wayne; m. November 6, 1943 to Helen Anne Gerhardtsstein. Their children: Mary Lou Doehrmann, b. August 30, 1951 at Fort Wayne; David Paul Doehrmann, b. February 27, 1953 at Quebec, Canada.

Valette Emily Doehrmann, b. December 9, 1926 at Fort Wayne.



THE FAMILY OF KAROLINA CHRISTINA KIESS

Karolina Christina Kiess was married to Joseph M. Koby, a native of Alsace. For many years they lived in Fort Wayne before retiring to Alhambra, California, to live with their daughter Viola.

Viola M. Koby, b. February 26, 1874, near Friedheim, Adams County, Indiana; d. June 23, 1938, at Alhambra, following an automobile accident. After attending St. Paul's School, Fort Wayne, she taught

for several years in parochial schools of the Lutheran Church before going to Alhambra. She was married October 14, 1924 to William Rothert.



THE FAMILY OF JOHN FREDERICK KIESS

John Frederick Kiess went to Fort Wayne in 1871, from his home near Friedheim, Adams County, Indiana. After an apprenticeship in the Evans wholesale business he started in business for himself, first at Fort Wayne, later at Pleasant Lake, Indiana. When the electrical industry was started in Fort Wayne he entered the employ of the Fort Wayne Electric Works, later the General Electric Co., with whom he remained for 41 years until his retirement in 1926. His role in starting the electrical industry in Fort Wayne is described in Hammond's "Men and Volts." He was married May 15, 1883 to Florence Fordney, Fort Wayne; children:

- (1) Izora Kiess, b. May 3, 1884 at Pleasant Lake; d. January 10, 1903 at Fort Wayne.
- (2) Carl Clarence Kiess, b. October 18, 1887, Fort Wayne; Fort Wayne H. S. 1906; Indiana University, A.B. (Astron., Math.) 1910; University of California, Ph.D. 1913; Physicist at the National Bureau of Standards 1917 to 1957. Listed in American Men of Science; Who's Who; Who Knows and What; International Who's Who; m. June 21, 1919 to Harriet K. Knudsen of Chicago; children:

Margaret Florence Kiess, b. June 22, 1920, Chicago; Woodrow Wilson H. S., Washington, 1937; Swarthmore College A.B. (Honors) 1941; University of Chicago, Ph.D. 1944; m. July 25, 1942 to Wasley S. Krogdahl of Springfield, Illinois. They reside in Lexington, Ky.; children: Matthew Wasley Krogdahl, b. November 3, 1949; John Anthony Krogdahl, b. June 11, 1951; Marthine Margaret Krogdahl, b. April 5, 1955.

John Anthony Kiess, b. April 20, 1924; d. January 23, 1929.

Norman Halvor Kiess, b. April 6, 1930 at Washington, D. C.; Woodrow Wilson H. S. 1947; Phillips Exeter Academy 1948; Swarthmore College, A.B. 1952; University of Maryland, M.S. 1955; Johns Hopkins University 1955- .

Edward Marion Kiess, b. March 10, 1933 at Washington, D. C.; Woodrow Wilson H. S. 1948-1950; Phillips Exeter Academy 1951; Massachusetts Institute of Technology, B.S. 1955; University of California 1955-1956; commissioned 2nd Lieut. U. S. Army Signal Corps, M. I. T. ROTC unit 1955; 1st Lieut., Aviation Section, Signal Corps, 1956- .

- (3) Marion Kiess, b. June 9, 1894 at Fort Wayne; d. July 29, 1951 at Seymour, Indiana, following injuries incurred in an automobile accident; Fort Wayne H. S. 1912; Indiana University, A.B. 1918; with Co. G, 22nd Engineers, in France 1918-1919, with rank of corporal. In 1933 he was married to Helen Cooke of Louisville, Kentucky.



THE FAMILY OF KARL FRIEDERICH KIESS

Karl Friederich Kiess; m. September 23, 1886 to Margaret Bieberich. They lived the rest of their lives on the home farm in Preble Twp., Adams County, Ind. They were members of Zion Lutheran Church at Friedheim; children:

- (1) Henry John Kiess, b. October 23, 1887; schools, Zion's School, Friedheim; I. C. S., Scranton, course in mechanical engineering. He practiced his profession in Delphos, Ohio, and in Fort Wayne, Ind., until his retirement from the G.E. Co., Fort Wayne, in October 1952; m. October 16, 1910 to Emilie Hockemeyer; residence, 3001 Plaza Drive, Fort Wayne; children:

Leroy C. Kiess, b. July 15, 1911; d. Aug. 17, 1911.

Paul Frederick Kiess, b. August 12, 1918; Monmouth, Ind., H. S. 1937. Proprietor of the Kiess Welding Shop, Churubusco, Ind.; m. Nov. 16, 1940 to Gertrude Marie Wolf; children: Paul F. Kiess, Jr., b. and d. July 29, 1941; Henry Walter Kiess, b. Sept. 27, 1942; Dennis Lee Kiess, b. April 25, 1944; Peggy Ann Kiess, b. June 21, 1945; Charles Alan Kiess, b. March 23, 1947; Shirley Jean Kiess, b. June 19, 1950; Brian Paul Kiess, b. June 2, 1952.

Ruth Martha Kiess, b. January 2, 1921; Concordia H. S. Fort Wayne, 1939; m. June 14, 1947 to Robert H. Winicker. Their son is Douglas Robert Winicker, b. February 12, 1950.

- (2) Albert F. Kiess, b. August 2, 1890; d. March 6, 1914; Zion's School, Friedheim; Winona Agricultural Institute, Winona, Ind. After graduation he managed ranches in Montana until his untimely death while on a visit back home; m. Sept. 27, 1907 to Caroline Dirkson; children:

Lloyd C. Kiess, b. April 3, 1909; m. June 23, 1929 to Ruth Busick. They operate the Dirkson farm in Root Twp., Adams County, Ind.; children:

Marcella Kiess, b. January 22, 1931; Monmouth, Ind., H. S. 1949; m. July 7, 1951 to Doyle Myers; children: Roger Dean Myers, b. February 17, 1954; Sue Ann Myers, b. August 2, 1956.

Lloyd Kiess, Jr., b. November 17, 1932; Monmouth, Ind., H. S. 1951; entered U. S. Army March 10, 1953 with service in Germany; released February 1, 1955. At present farming at home and attending Purdue University Extension courses in Fort Wayne.

Iva Jane Kiess, b. September 27, 1935; Monmouth, Ind., H. S. 1953; m. November 20, 1955 to Robert Lane. They have a daughter Cynthia Jo Lane, b. June 28, 1957.

Christina Kiess, b. Dec. 4, 1910; d. Dec. 4, 1910;

Milda Kiess, b. June 4, 1912; d. Sept. 29, 1912;

Ralph Kiess, b. June 4, 1912; d. June 7, 1913;

Ruth Kiess, b. Dec. 15, 1913; d. April 9, 1918.

(3) Alma L. S. Kiess, b. March 5, 1894; d. March 10, 1894.

(4) Milda L. M. Kiess, b. January 23, 1896; d. April 17, 1898.

(5) Martha Kiess, b. April 21, 1899; m. November 10, 1918 to Albert Keuneke. They operate a farm near Ohio City, Ohio. Children:

Arnold C. Keuneke, b. February 4, 1920; Schools: Wren, Ohio H. S.; L. L. Cooke Electrical School, Chicago, 1939. Served in U. S. Army Air Force, 1942 to 1945, in Africa, Corsica, Italy; m. September 25, 1941 to Louise Ellen Ensley. They reside on a farm near South Whitley, Ind. Children: Ruth Ellen Keuneke, b. June 26, 1946; Carl Edward Keuneke, b. May 29, 1948; Martha Louise Keuneke, b. March 28, 1951; Patricia Ann Keuneke, b. January 20, 1954.

Erwin K. Keuneke, b. March 7, 1921; Wren, Ohio H. S. Served with U. S. Army in England, Belgium, France, and Germany. m. September 19, 1942 to Louise Linda Heckard. They operate a farm near Rockford, Ohio, R. R. #2. Children: Linda Louise Keuneke, b. April 30, 1943; John Erwin Keuneke, b. September 24, 1949; Donna Marie Keuneke, b. November 5, 1952; Edward Roger Keuneke, b. February 22, 1955.

Hubert O. Keuneke, b. August 8, 1925; Wren, Ohio, H. S. 1943. He lives with his parents and is engaged in farming. His farm is on Glenmore Road, R. R. #2, Ohio City, Ohio.

Marvin F. Keuneke, b. April 25, 1927; Wren Ohio, H. S.; m. November 9, 1946 to Eva Louise Miller. They operate a farm near Butler, Ind. Their son is Stephen Frederick Keuneke, b. October 27, 1951.

(6) Martin Charles Kiess, b. August 25, 1901; m. November 5, 1922 to Lyda Mildred Gunsett. They operate the old home farm in Preble Twp., Adams County, Ind. Children:

Eugene Franklin Kiess, b. July 30, 1932; Monmouth, Ind., H. S. 1950. Served in U. S. Army 1953 to 1955; m. June 16, 1953 to

Irene Krueckeberg. They reside on the old home farm, but he is employed as an engineer with the International Harvester Co., Fort Wayne. Children: Gregg Lynn Kiess, b. May 11, 1954; Cynthia Lou Kiess, b. December 27, 1956; Nanette Sue Kiess, b. January 31, 1957.

Joyce Ann Kiess, b. December 16, 1944.



THE FAMILY OF SOPHIA CATHARINA KIESS

Sophia Catharina Kiess, m. September 23, 1886 to John Christian Bieberich. They lived the rest of their lives on their farm in Preble Twp., Adams County, Ind., and were members of St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, near Preble. Their children are:

- (1) Otto J. Bieberich, b. June 30, 1887; he attended St. Paul's School, Preble; m. April 18, 1915 to Adelinda Prange. They have lived on and continuously operated the home farm.
- (2) Emil Bieberich, b. June 18, 1892; d. May 10, 1958; he attended St. Paul's School after which he went to Michigan to work; m. April 25, 1915 to Louise Zuchowski who died November 26, 1919 leaving one daughter Eldora Bieberich, b. November 26, 1918; m. September 13, 1940 to George Mettie of Detroit.

Emil Bieberich was married a second time, on June 30, 1921, to Helen Westphal. She died on January 12, 1924 leaving a son Orman Bieberich, b. June 13, 1922, d. November 2, 1930.

He was married a third time, on May 6, 1925 to Helen Walters. They reside at Auburn, Mich., R. R. #1. Their daughter is:

Lucille May Bieberich, b. October 2, 1930; schools: Michigan Lutheran Seminary, Saginaw, 1948; Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minn., 1950; taught school 1949-1950; m. July 22, 1951 to William Walter Winterstein. Their daughter is Bonnie May Winterstein, b. November 17, 1953.

- (3) Hilda Bieberich, b. July 29, 1897; attended St. Paul's school; m. September 17, 1916 to Otto Ehlerding, a farmer, and with him operated their farm near Preble; children:

Edgar Ehlerding, b. November 7, 1917; attended Zion's School, Friedheim; m. April 25, 1943 to Velma Hofmann. They live on and operate the home farm; children: Donald Edgar Ehlerding, b. January 4, 1950; Alice Marie Ehlerding, b. November 3, 1951; Darrel Otto Ehlerding, b. May 10, 1954; Dale Neil Ehlerding, b. July 29, 1956.

Viola Ehlerding, b. May 30, 1920; attended Zion's School, Friedheim; m. January 19, 1941 to Lawrence Graft. They operate a farm near Preble; children: Donald Robert Graft, b. January 1, 1942; Carol Sue Graft, b. November 28, 1944; Leonard Ray Graft and Loren Jay Graft, b. September 9, 1947; Virginia Kay Graft, b. October 1, 1952.

- (4) Ella Bieberich, b. August 6, 1899; attended St. Paul's School; m. April 11, 1920 to George Schueler. For several years they operated their farm near Preble. Later they moved to Fort Wayne where they reside at 3505 Weisser Park Ave.; children:

Esther Schueler, b. December 30, 1920; m. August 19, 1945 to William Meyer; children: Karen Sue Meyer, b. May 29, 1946; William Allen Meyer, b. April 24, 1947; Diana Kay Meyer, b. May 26, 1948; Nancy Lu Meyer, b. August 14, 1952.

Eldora Schueler, b. January 7, 1923; m. May 16, 1943 to Lorenz Thieme; children: Judy Kay Thieme, b. March 3, 1945; Mary Lou Thieme, b. February 21, 1949; Sharon Kay Thieme, b. March 20, 1953.

Melvin J. Schueler, b. September 20, 1926; attended St. Paul's School, Preble; served as Pfc., 3rd Infantry, U. S. Army, and was wounded in battle north of Seoul, Korea; m. October 18, 1958 to Helen Ruth Schnitker. He is employed in the Post Office, Fort Wayne.



THE FAMILY OF FRANK ALBERT KIESS

Frank Albert Kiess was a student at Concordia College, Fort Wayne, from 1883 to 1889; then studied for the Ministry (Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod) at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, from 1889 to 1892. After ordination he served as a missionary in South Dakota with headquarters at Mansfield. Later he held pastorates at Wapakoneta, Ohio (1897 to 1903); Defiance, Ohio (1903 to 1923); Reynolds, Ind. (1923 to 1925); and at Logansport, Ind. (1925 to 1935). In 1935 he retired from active service and removed to Toledo where he organized St. Phillip's Church for colored people. He was married on April 30, 1893 to Anna B. Grosse. Their children are:

- (1) Alma Henrietta Louisa Kiess, b. February 4, 1894 at Aberdeen, S. Dak.; Defiance H. S. 1913; School of Education and Music, Defiance College, 1913-1915; m. August 2, 1917 to Emil Frank Frey. They reside at 2652 Barrington Drive, Toledo 6, Ohio; children:

Virginia May Frey, b. April 5, 1920, at Toledo; DeVilbiss H. S., Toledo, 1938; University of Michigan, B.S.E. (Math), 1942;

m. August 19, 1944 to Robert Tuttle Wallace; children: Marjorie Anne Wallace, b. October 11, 1948; William Tuttle Wallace, b. August 13, 1951; d. July 30, 1955.

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Marjorie Anne Frey, b. June 19, 1926 at Toledo; DeVilbiss H. S., Toledo, 1944; Duke University, B.A. (Ed), 1948; m. August 19, 1950 to David Emerson Brown; children: David Emerson Brown, Jr., b. September 26, 1953; Judith Anne Brown, b. March 3, 1955.

- (2) Theodore Charles Joseph Kiess, b. July 2, 1897 in Auglaize County, Ohio. Defiance H. S., 1916; Ohio State University, B.S. 1922; M.D. 1924; specialist in Obstetrics and Gynecology, Toledo, since 1927; m. September 16, 1926 to Renata Wallhausen. They reside at 4234 Talwood Lane, Toledo 6, Ohio. Their adopted daughters are:

Natalie Ann Kiess, b. December 16, 1930 at New Haven, Ind.; DeVilbiss H. S., Toledo, 1949; Parsons School of Design, New York, 1949-1951; m. June 30, 1951 to Charles Frederick Gieseler; children: Lizbeth Janet Gieseler, b. November 21, 1952; Todd Stephan Gieseler, b. July 7, 1955; Paula Anne Gieseler, b. October 25, 1957.

Renata Marie Kiess, b. July 11, 1933 at Fort Wayne, Ind.; Whitmer H. S., Toledo, 1951; student at Valparaiso University; m. November 6, 1954 to Robert L. Bassett; children: Paul Bassett, b. August 29, 1955; Jeffrey Bassett, b. July 15, 1957.

- (3) Esther Marie Kiess, b. July 22, 1899 at Wapakoneta, Ohio. Defiance H. S. 1917; School of Business Administration, Defiance College; m. October 27, 1921 to Eno John Bauman. They reside at 195 Dartmouth Drive, Toledo, Ohio; children:

Donald John Bauman, b. May 30, 1922 at Defiance, Ohio; Libby H. S., Toledo 1940; University of Toledo, B.A. 1948; M.A. (Math) 1950; 2nd Lieut. U. S. Air Force for 4 years; m. August 14, 1948 to Elaine Elsie Nordhaus; children: Diane Elaine Bauman, b. October 26, 1949, Boyne City, Mich.; David John Bauman, b. July 5, 1951, Toledo.

Robert Frederick Bauman, b. June 19, 1923 at Defiance; Libby H. S. 1941; University of Toledo, B.A. (Ed) 1948; M.A. (Hist) 1949; LL.B. University of Toledo, 1957. In U. S. Navy 3 years; m. July 3, 1948 to Joyce Dorothy Meyers; children: Beverly Gail Bauman, b. May 25, 1949, Toledo; Bonne Corinne Bauman, b. August 24, 1950, Toledo; Mark Allan Bauman, b. February 5, 1952, Dearborn, Mich.; Rebecca Marie Bauman, b. September 28, 1956; Matthew Craig Bauman, b. February 11, 1958.

Mary Ann Bauman, b. September 5, 1924; d. May 10, 1928.

Nancy Carolyn Bauman, b. September 25, 1931 at Toledo; Libby H. S. 1949; Nurses' Training School, Toledo; m. September 21,

1953 to Ernest Charles Ray; children: Sharon Lynn Ray, b. October 3, 1955; Sandra Lee Ray, b. November 7, 1957.

- (4) Mildred Magdalene Kiess, b. October 14, 1901 at Wapakoneta, Ohio; Defiance H. S. 1919; School of Education, Defiance College, m. June 29, 1924 to Harold George Lanckenau; residence, 1702 Marne Ave., Toledo; children:

Esther Marie Lanckenau, b. March 15, 1925 at Napoleon, Ohio; DeVilbiss H. S., Toledo, 1943; B.A. (Ed), Toledo University, 1945; Valparaiso University, 1947.

Joanne Lanckenau, b. September 27, 1930 at Toledo; DeVilbiss H. S. 1948; Valparaiso University 1948-1950; m. December 16, 1951 to Raymond Allen Swanson; son: Raymond Allen Swanson, Jr., b. June 6, 1956.

Marilyn Jeanne Lanckenau, b. November 13, 1934 at Toledo; DeVilbiss H. S. 1952; Valparaiso University, 1952; m. May 1, 1954 to William Lester Billeau; son: Steven Harold Billeau, b. June 24, 1955.



THE FAMILY OF JOSEPH ALFRED KIESS

Joseph Alfred Kiess, m. September 2, 1900 to Anna Marie Borne. They lived practically all their married life in Decatur, Ind., where he was engaged in the mechanical and electrical business; children:

- (1) John Otto Kiess, b. September 20, 1901; Decatur H. S. 1922; m. June 8, 1929 to Anna Dierkes. They reside at 316 N. 12th St., Decatur, where he is Ass't Supt. of the City Light & Power Co.
- (2) Frederick William Kiess, b. February 27, 1903; d. January 8, 1911.
- (3) Arthur Alfred Kiess, b. September 13, 1904; Decatur H. S. 1924; Indiana University, A.B. (Chem) 1929; m. July 19, 1930 to Ruby Miller, Indiana University, B.S. 1928. He is a chemist for Armour & Co., Chicago. They reside at 110 Maumell, Hinsdale, Ill. Their daughter is Patricia Elrean Kiess, b. February 5, 1940.
- (4) Lawrence Oscar Kiess, b. August 9, 1906; d. July 15, 1908.
- (5) Walter Jacob Kiess, b. August 6, 1908; Decatur H. S. 1929; Ball State Teachers' College 1929; m. December 21, 1941 to Ruth Foughty. They reside at 1412 W. Madison St., Decatur; children: George Edward Kiess (adopted), b. May 26, 1944; Donnalu Kiess (adopted), b. December 31, 1946; Kathleen Ann Kiess, b. April 18, 1949.
- (6) Robert Louis Kiess, b. May 9, 1910; Decatur H. S. 1929; U. S. Army 1943-1945; m. September 3, 1946 to Kathryn Zimmerman. They reside at 1010 W. Marshall St., Decatur, where he is employed by

the City Light & Power Co. Their daughter is Linda Jane Kiess, b. October 15, 1947.

- (7) Charles Rudolph Kiess, b. September 26, 1912; Decatur H. S. 1930; m. September 18, 1937 to Marie Murphy. They reside at 1113 Margaret St., Fort Wayne, where he is employed by the General Electric Co.; children: Charles David Kiess, b. July 24, 1938; Fort Wayne H. S. 1956; Stephen Lawrence Kiess, b. December 11, 1942.
- (8) Edgar Franklin Kiess, b. December 21, 1914; Decatur H. S. 1935; m. April 16, 1939 to Louise Gilgen. They reside at 226 N. 7th St., Decatur, where he is proprietor of the Kiess Electric Co. Their children are: Ronald J. Kiess and Connie K. Kiess, b. October 7, 1941; Janet Irene Kiess, b. February 12, 1943; Carol Diane Kiess, b. June 7, 1945; Joseph Otto Kiess, b. October 4, 1950.
- (9) Louise Elizabeth Kiess, b. June 9, 1917; Decatur H. S. 1935; m. September 3, 1938 to Paul Sharpe. They reside at 1133 Master Drive, Decatur. Their daughter is Mary Lucille Sharpe, b. December 14, 1942.
- (10) Victor Theodore Kiess, b. March 5, 1920; Decatur H. S. 1938; U. S. Army 1942-1945; not married. He lives at 1016 W. Marshall St., Decatur, where he is associated with his brother in the Kiess Electric Co.



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